at the State level by the State Review Committees. However, most of these cases are presently pending in the various designated TADA courts in the country. Prosecution branches of the State Govts, have been instructed to expedite the trial in these cases and not to seek adjournment.

VHP for Ram Temple at any cost

674. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME
AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards the statements by VHP President Ashok Singhal and Secretary General, Praveen Tohadia on January 8, 2000 at Rameswaram that the Ram Temple would be built at any cost whatever be verdict of the court; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) In compliance with the Supreme Court's Judgement dated 24.10.94 in the case of Dr. M. Ismail Faruqui etc. versus Union of India & others, relating to the Ram Janma Bhoomi-Babri Masjid dispute, the Central Government, as a statutory receiver, is duty bound to maintain status quo as on 7.1.93 in the disputed area. Till the title suits pending in Allahabad High Court are finally adjudicated, the disputed site cannot be handed over to any party.

SIT to Probe Hijacking

675. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up Special Investigation Team (SIT) to conduct a comprehensive probe into the hijacking of IC 814 by five Pakistani hijackers of Kathmandu-New Delhi flight in last week of December, 1999;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its tenure and terms of reference; and

(c) by when the SIT is likely to submit its report and whether the report, when submitted is likely to be made public and if not, the reasons therefor?